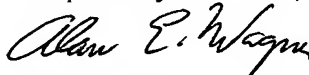


**REMARKS**

The set of claims presented herein are unitary because all of the claims are linked by the same specific process.

In the parent application, claims to a latex were rejected over three prior art references: Löhr et al. (US 4,395,500); Siol et al. (US 4,456,726); and, GB 1419145. The Applicants believe that none of these three references anticipate the process of the invention nor the latex obtainable by this process. More particularly, none of these references teach the use of a mixed water soluble/liposoluble initiator system in combination with the other characteristics of the process of the invention, enabling a controlled growth of particle in a mixture of populations of particles and controlled rheological performances of the latex (low viscosity/high solids content).

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